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Please note that the phone number for all ADRC-TAE teleconferences has changed!

Most calls will take place on this line:

1-888-844-7278
Access Code 2695542#

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You must be logged into the ADRC-TAE.org website to access the links in the newsletter. Please contact Sarah Lash at (703) 269-5723 with questions.

This Week's Call: Monthly All-Grantee TA Call

Assessing Readiness to Become an ADRC: A New, Web-Based Tool

Assessing readiness is an important "first step" for an organization that may be considering becoming an ADRC, and several ADRCs have used readiness assessment instruments to facilitate expansion and replication activities in their states.

During this call the technical assistance team will unveil a web-based readiness assessment instrument that is comprehensive, easy to use, and provides immediate feedback regarding organizational capacity to perform key functions of an ADRC. The tool also provides users with links to resources that describe program characteristics, operations and capacity required of ADRCs. Presenters on the call will describe the use and value of readiness assessment in program planning and development.

- Thursday, March 6th, 2008
- Time: 2:30-4:00 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: **1-888-844-7278**
- Access Code for Phone: **2695542#**
- GoToMeeting Webinar ID: 779-206-933
- [Register in advance](#) for the online portion of this webinar. (Recommended)

Leave Your Feedback on the Website Reorganization and Redesign!

As your probably noticed, the ADRC-TAE.org website was

reorganized in December 2007.

Please take our [quick feedback survey](#) so that we may gather your opinions on the use of the site and maximize our ongoing improvement efforts.



ADRC-TAE Website Updates and Additions

New Examples From the Field:

[NC Screening Tool](#): This screening tool is used by the ADRC in Forsyth County, North Carolina. Training around this tool has provided an opportunity for collaboration across partner agencies.

New Call Notes:

[Notes from the Multi-Agency Peer Workgroup Call](#) on February 14 are now posted. The topic of discussion on the call was "Best Practices in Cross-Training."

[Notes from the Rural and Frontier Workgroup Call](#) on February 28 are also posted. The topic of discussion for this ad hoc call was to share strategies on reaching geographically isolated populations and to provide an opportunity for networking.

Upcoming Technical Assistance Events

March 6th Monthly All-Grantee TA Call

- Topic: **Assessing Readiness to Become an ADRC - A New, Web-Based Tool**
- Time: 2:30-4:00 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

March 13th Streamlining Access Workgroup Call

- Topic: **Streamlining Access Phone Survey Results**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

March 20th Pilot Sites Workgroup Call

- Topic: **Continued Discussion on Options Counseling**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

March 27th Evaluation Workgroup Call

- Topic: **Focus Groups and ADRCs - Revisiting An Effective Evaluation Strategy**
- Time: 2:30-3:30 PM, Eastern
- Toll-Free Number: 1-888-844-7278
- Access Code for Phone: 2695542#
- The [call page](#) contains details and accompanying resources.

Family Caregiver Alliance Awarded Grant for Award Program



Family Caregiver Alliance is pleased to announce that its National Center on Caregiving has been awarded a grant from The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation to oversee an awards program to recognize innovation in programs benefiting caregivers.

The grant was created specifically to reward organizations that are initiating unique programs that address the needs of Alzheimer's caregivers.

Under The Rosalinde Gilbert Innovations in Alzheimer Disease Caregiver Legacy Award, Family Caregiver Alliance will oversee an awards program in three categories:

- Policy and advocacy for change
- Creative spirit
- Honoring multicultural communities.

The award recipients in each category will receive a cash prize of up to \$20,000 and their programs will be recognized at an awards reception. Information about the programs will be widely disseminated through FCA's web, print and media communication channels.

FCA Executive Director Kathleen Kelly said that the nature of the awards offers an opportunity for previously unrecognized programs to be publicly acknowledged. "Within these categories are programs that deal, in very creative yet practical ways, with the real challenges that caregivers face.

Established in 1977, Family Caregiver Alliance programs support and sustain the important work of families and friends caring for loved ones with chronic, disabling health conditions. The National Center on Caregiving was established at FCA in 2001 to advance the development of high quality, cost-effective programs and policies for caregivers in every state in the country. Visit www.caregiver.org, or call (800) 445-8106 for more information.

The selection criteria and application process will be announced by June 1, 2008. (No submissions will be accepted prior to that date.)

2008 Food Stamp Participation Grant Opportunity

Is food insecurity an issue for older adults served by your ADRC? You may be interested in working with your State Food Stamp Agency in applying for the FY 2008 Food Stamp Participation Grants. These grants are targeted at the food stamp offices to help them increase participation through improving service rather than increasing participation through outreach. Improving service includes streamlining office procedures to determine eligibility or using technology. Since both of these methods are inherent to the ADRC concept, consider a partnership with your State Food Stamp agency to apply for a grant.

Cover Letter and Application: A explanatory [cover letter](#) and the [grant application](#) for the Food Stamp Participation Grants are available online.

Purpose: The purpose of a Food Stamp Participation Grant is to develop and implement: 1) Simple food stamp application and eligibility determination systems; or 2) Measures to improve access to food stamp benefits by eligible applications.

These grants are concerned with improving the quality and efficiency of operations within the food stamp office, such as streamlining office procedures or using technology to improve the application process.

Eligible Entities: Entities eligible for these grants include the 53 State agencies that administer the Food Stamp Program (FSP), state or local governments, agencies providing health or welfare services, public health or education entities, and private non-profit entities such as community-based or faith-based organizations, food banks, or other emergency feeding organizations.

Fiscal Year 2008 Priorities: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is interested in encouraging and supporting partnerships between State agencies administering the FSP and private non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations. The intent is to encourage relationships with private non-profit organizations with strong community ties and thereby enhance the State agencies' communication with the communities they serve.

The Food and Nutrition Service intends to award grants to applicants, who would then award sub-grants to their partners as applicable. Either a State agency or a private, non-profit group can be an applicant.

The USDA is interested in funding a project that is designed to increase the participation of the elderly and Hispanic household, both traditionally hard to serve populations in the FSP. While this request is not designed to fund outreach activities, there may be projects that would be operated in areas that have significant Hispanic or elderly populations.

Application Deadline: The completed application must be received by FNS by May 15, 2008, 5:00 PM EST.